

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of PCT Appln. No. PCT/AU99/00897, filed October 18, 1999, which claims priority to Australian Provisional Appln. No, PP6646, filed October 22, 1998. --

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 22-25 without prejudice, as set forth below. A "marked-up" copy of the claims indicating the changes is attached hereto.

22. (Amended) A method of plant DNA transfer including the steps of:-

(a) transforming a recipient plant cell or tissue by microprojectile bombardment with:

- (i) DNA directly isolated from a donor plant, wherein said directly isolated DNA is not present in a vector; and
- (ii) a selection marker gene; and

(b) selectively propagating a transgenic plant from the transformed recipient plant cell or tissue obtained in step (i) by culturing said transformed recipient plant cell or tissue in the presence of a selection agent chosen according to the selection marker gene used at step (a).

23. (Amended) The method of Claim 22, wherein the selection marker gene included at step (i) is present in a selection construct.

24. (Amended) The method of Claim 22 wherein the directly isolated DNA is genomic DNA.

25. (Amended) The method of Claim 24 wherein the directly isolated DNA is a high molecular weight fraction of genomic DNA.